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Applicants appreciate the notification that claims 22-24, 29-32, 34-54, 56-58, and 67 are allowable and that claims 16, 18, 20, 21, and 68-70 would be allowable if rewritten as independent claims that include all of the limitations of the claims from which they depend.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

The Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 9-11, 14, 15, 17, 19, 55, 65, and 66 as anticipated by Kurusu et al. (JP 04112817). Applicants have cancelled claims 1-3, 9-11, 14, 15, 17, 19, 55 and 66.

Applicants have amended claim 65 to replace the phrase "consisting essentially of" with the term "comprising". The composition of claim 65 includes a permeation enhancer. Permeation enhancers are described in the specification, e.g., at line 1-5 of page 12. Kurusu et al. does not appear to disclose a composition that includes one of the compounds defined by the structure recited in claim 65, an aqueous solvent and a permeation enhancer. Thus, Applicants do not believe that this claim is anticipated by Kurusu et al. In view of this, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claim 65 under 35 U.S.C. §103 be withdrawn.

Currently Pending Claims

Claims 22-24, 29-31, 34-54 and 67 are among the previously pending claims. The Examiner has stated that these claims are allowable.

Claims 68-70 were previously pending. Claims 68 and 70 have been amended to correct their dependency. The Examiner has stated that claims 68-70 would be allowable if amended to incorporate the limitations of the claims from which they depend.

New claim 71 depends from claim 70 and includes the limitations of claim 20.

New claim 72 depends from claim 65 or 67 and includes the limitations of claim 2.

New claim 73 depends from claim 65 or 67 and includes the limitations of claim 3.

New claim 74 depends from claim 65 or 67 and includes the limitations of claim 9.

New claim 75 depends from claim 65 or 67 and includes the limitations of claim 10.

New claim 76 depends from claim 75 and includes the limitations of claim 11.

New claim 77 depends from claim 75 and includes the limitations of claim 14.

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New claim 78 depends from any of claims 72-77 and includes the limitations of claim 16.

New claim 79 depends from any of claims 72-77 and includes the limitations of claim 19.

New claim 80 is essentially claim 16 rewritten as an independent claim that includes the limitations of the claims from which claim 16 depended. The Examiner has stated that claim 16 would be allowable if rewritten in this manner.

New claim 81 depends from claim 80 and includes the limitations of claim 2.

New claim 82 depends from claim 80 and includes the limitations of claim 3.

New claim 83 depends from claim 80 and includes the limitations of claim 9.

New claim 84 depends from claim 80 and includes the limitations of claim 10.

New claim 85 depends from claim 80 and includes the limitations of claim 11.

New claim 86 depends from claim 80 and includes the limitations of claim 14.

New claim 87 is essentially claim 56 rewritten as an independent claim. The Examiner has stated that claim 56 is allowable.

New claim 88 is essentially claim 58 rewritten as an independent claim that includes the limitations of the claims from which claim 58 depended. The Examiner has stated that claim 58 would be allowable if rewritten in this manner.

New claim 89 depends form claim 87 or 88 and includes the limitations of claim 2.

New claim 90 depends form claim 87 or 88 and includes the limitations of claim 3.

New claim 91 depends form claim 87 or 88 and includes the limitations of claim 9.

New claim 92 depends form claim 87 or 88 and includes the limitations of claim 10.

New claim 93 depends form claim 87 or 88 and includes the limitations of claim 11.

New claim 94 depends form claim 87 or 88 and includes the limitations of claim 14.

New claim 95 includes the limitations of claims 15 and 56. The Examiner has stated that claim 56 is allowable.

New claim 96 depends from claim 95 and includes the limitations of claim 57.

New claim 97 includes the limitations of claims 15 and 58.

No new matter is added by any of the newly added claims, and it is believed that the newly added claims are allowable.

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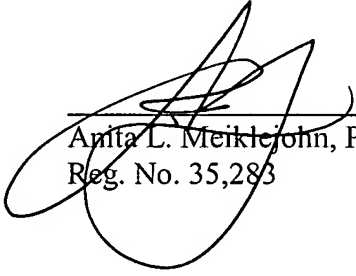
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